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ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 19, 2017  
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ♫ MAY 19, 2017  
CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

DEAN MICHAEL J. YELNOSKY — PRESIDING

PROCESSIONAL .....	<i>Pipes and Drums</i> by The Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	Members of the Roger Williams University Chorus
INTRODUCTION .....	Michael J. Yelnosky
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS .....	Donald J. Farish, Ph.D., J.D. Roger Williams University
DIRECTORS' GREETINGS .....	The Honorable William E. Smith RWU Trustee & Chair, RWU Law Board of Directors Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
ALUMNI WELCOME .....	Jillian Jagling, Esq. '09 President, Law Alumni Association Attorney, West Group Law PLLC
CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES	
<i>Presented by:</i>	
Linn Foster Freedman, Esq. ....	Janet L. Coit Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
<i>Presented by:</i>	
Anthony J. Santoro .....	Bruce I. Kogan Professor of Law, RWU Law
<i>Presented by:</i>	
The Honorable William E. Smith .....	David B. Wilkins Lester Kissel Professor of Law, Vice Dean for Global Initiatives on the Legal Profession, and Faculty Director, Center on the Legal Profession, Harvard Law School
ADDRESS .....	David B. Wilkins "Your Brilliant Career!"
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS .....	Christopher Michael Moran
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS .....	Michael J. Yelnosky
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .....	Donald J. Farish, Ph.D., J.D.
RECESSIONAL .....	<i>Pipes and Drums</i> by the Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band

**The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.**  
*For the comfort of some of our families and guests, a live video feed is available  
in the School of Law Appellate Courtroom, second floor. Seating is limited.*

## SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



DAVID B. WILKINS

*Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa*

**Professor of Law, Harvard Law School**

B.A. Harvard College

J.D. Harvard Law School

A native of the Windy City, David B. Wilkins is a graduate of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. His father, Julian Wilkins, headed one of the city's most prominent law firms, Wilkins, Wilkins & Wilkins, and was the first black partner at a major Chicago law firm.

Wilkins himself graduated with honors from Harvard College in 1977, and went on to earn his J.D. at Harvard Law School, where he served as Supreme Court editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. After graduating, he clerked first for Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and then for Justice Thurgood Marshall at the United States Supreme Court.

In 1986, Wilkins joined the faculty at Harvard Law School, where he remains a popular and beloved teacher. He is Lester Kissel Professor of Law, Vice Dean for Global Initiatives on the Legal Profession, and Faculty Director of the Center on the Legal Profession. He has written more than 80 articles on the legal profession, both in leading scholarly journals and the popular press and is the co-author of several books, including *The Indian Legal Profession in the Age of Globalization* (forthcoming 2017), *Diversity in Practice* (2016), and *Problems in Professional Responsibility for a Changing Profession* (5th edition, 2009).

Professor Wilkins has given more than 45 endowed lectures at universities around the world and is a frequent speaker at professional conferences and law firm and corporate retreats. He is a Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Spanish Royal Academy of Doctors.



## SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



**JANET L. COIT**

*Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa*

**Director,**

**Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**

B.A. Dartmouth College

J.D. Stanford Law School

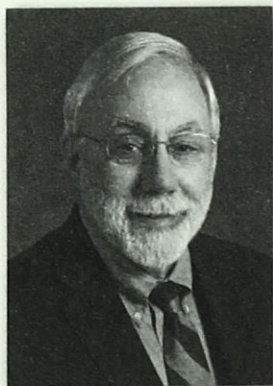
An environmental professional for more than 25 years, Janet L. Coit has served as director of Rhode Island's Department of Environmental Management since 2011, with a strong focus on safeguarding the environment – by improving water quality, cleaning contaminated sites, protecting wildlife and habitat, promoting local agriculture and seafood, and connecting people to nature. Coit is the first and current chair of the state's Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council, charged with developing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote resiliency.

An inductee of the American College on Environmental Lawyers, Coit was also recognized for her role in attracting and executing 2015's Volvo Ocean Race Newport Stopover event at Fort Adams State Park, the most successful North American stopover in the round-the-world sailing race's history, drawing more than 130,000 visitors and contributing \$47 million to the local economy. In 2014, *Rhode Island Monthly* recognized Coit as one of Rhode Island's most powerful women. She also received the prestigious John H. Chafee Conservation Leadership Award from the Environment Council of Rhode Island, and last year received the Government Service Award from the Environment Business Council of New England.

For ten years prior to heading the DEM, Coit was state director for The Nature Conservancy, overseeing some of Rhode Island's largest land conservation projects. Before moving to Rhode Island to work in the Providence Office of the late U.S. Senator John Chafee, Coit served in Washington, D.C. as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. Her decades of environmental and legal service have also included stints at the Department of the Interior and Department of Justice.



## SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



BRUCE I. KOGAN

*Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa*

**Professor of Law and former Dean, Roger Williams University School of Law**

B.A. Syracuse University

J.D. Dickinson School of Law

LL.M. in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center

Professor Bruce Kogan is a law teacher long committed to providing his students practical opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom, whether by mediating under his supervision in the Rhode Island court system or participating in local zoning board hearings.

Long active in the Rhode Island legal community, Professor Kogan was a co-founder and past President of the first non-profit organization for mediators in the state, the Rhode Island Mediators Association. He is active as a volunteer mediator with the Center for Collaboration and Mediation of Rhode Island, and was a member of the transition team of Attorney General Peter Kilmartin '97, in addition to having served for the past fifteen years on the Bristol, Rhode Island Zoning Board of Review.

Professor Kogan has authored numerous articles on topics ranging from the Americans with Disabilities Act, to taxation, to disciplinary and ethical issues in divorce and family law – included as a chapter in *A Practical Guide to Divorce in Rhode Island* (2009). In addition to Dispute Resolution, Professor Kogan teaches Property and Trusts and Estates.

Prior to joining RWU Law, Professor Kogan served as an appellate attorney in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and then practiced law for almost ten years in Pennsylvania concentrating on taxation, business and estate planning, for-profit and non-profit corporations, and real estate.

Professor Kogan is a founding member of the Roger Williams Law faculty. In addition to his contributions as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, he holds the unique distinction of having served twice – in 1998-99 and 2001-2003 – as Interim Dean of RWU Law.



## SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE CANDIDATES • JURIS DOCTOR

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Lisette Marisa Butcher	Amanda L. Jacober	Jade Farrell Richards
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Caroline Jane Dias	Matthew Giovanni Martinez	Linda Francine Dogbeu Tappa
Andrew Richard Dimitri	Meghan K. McAlpine	Christie Annie Théodore, Esq.
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## SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE CANDIDATES • MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW

Jackson C. Paslaski

Austin M. Smith

\*graduation date, December 2016; ♦graduation date, August 2017; \*\*graduation date, December 2017

(LMMA+) Currently enrolled in the Master of Marine Affairs at University of Rhode Island; (LMCS) Conferred degree of JD/Master of Science in Cyber Security with Roger Williams University; (LMCS+) Currently enrolled in Master of Science in Cyber Security with Roger Williams University; (3P3) Three plus Three Program



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Laura Alexa Pickering  
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Kenneth J. Sylvia  
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## HONORS PROGRAM

### MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

For students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and achievement before coming to law school and exceptional academic achievement in their first year, the School of Law offers an Honors Program, which consists of a special course of study. The following students have successfully completed the requirements of the Honors Program:

Katherine Elise Berling	Christopher Michael Moran
August Edward Bigos	Crystal Marie Morillo
Cayman A. Calabro	Brittani Paige Mulholland
Brianne Marie Chevalier	Alexander Augustus Vogel Nichols
Caroline Jane Dias	Laura Alexa Pickering
Andrew Richard Dimitri	Andrew J. Piombino, Esq.
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Brett Patrick Hargaden	Matthew William Witschi Thomas
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Alison B. Hoffman	Christina Marie Volpe
Peter Martin MacArthur	

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
LAW REVIEW

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The following students constitute the 2016-2017 Editorial Board and Assistant Editors of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and are responsible for publication of Volume 22 of the Law Review.

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## MOOT COURT

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The Moot Court Board promotes the development of the art of appellate advocacy and brief writing. Those selected as the best appellate advocates in the intrascholastic competition are awarded the Clark Prize for Excellence in Advocacy. The Board also sponsors interscholastic teams that compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

### **Moot Court Board 2016-2017**

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Christie Annie Théodore, Esq.

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Professor Jared A. Goldstein

*Advisor:*  
Angelyne E. Cooper-Bailey '08

### **UCLA School of Law Cyber Crimes Moot Court Competition**

#### Team 1

Katherine Elise Berling  
Amanda L. Jacober

#### Team 2

Michael Chase '18  
Ryan Eckerson '18

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Professor Peter S. Margulies

*Coach:*  
Tolulope Kevin Olasanoye '12

### **18th Annual Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition**

Amanda L. Jacober  
Lindsay Marion Langella

*Coach:*  
Tolulope Kevin Olasanoye '12

### **The 67th Annual National Moot Court Competition**

Sean Michel Carney  
Linda Francine Dogbeu Tappa

*Coach:*  
John D. Meara '11

### **Touro Law Center's 3rd Annual National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion**

Nicholas A. Barone  
Aileen G. Konanez '16  
Daniel Thomas Sagan '16

*Coach:*  
Lisa Dinerman

### **The 24th Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Competition**

#### Team 1

Austyn Lorena Carolin  
Brett Patrick Hargaden  
Jamison Todd Jedziniak

#### Team 2

Manta Dircks '18  
Kathleen O'Brien '18  
Jonathan Pierre '18

*Faculty Advisor:*  
Professor Jonathan M. Gutoff

*Coach:*  
Adjunct Professor Robert Falvey '98

### **The 28th Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition**

Zachary Bourdony  
Audrey Ellise Elzerman  
Alexandra L. Lister

*Coach:*  
Adjunct Professor Christopher D'Ovidio



## TRIAL TEAM

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The following students were selected to participate in interscholastic trial team competitions:

### **2016 American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy Competition**

#### Team 1

Jasmine Dobosiewicz '16  
Brittani Paige Mulholland  
Brent Richard Semple, Esq.  
Michael Alexander Thomas, Esq.

#### Team 2

Jamie L. Fitzgerald  
Lindsay Marion Langella  
Alexander Augustus Vogel Nichols  
Matthew William Witschi Thomas

#### *Coach:*

Professor David Coombs

### **2016 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition**

#### Team 1

Jamie L. Fitzgerald  
Lindsay Marion Langella

#### Team 2

Alexander Augustus Vogel Nichols  
Matthew William Witschi Thomas

#### *Coach:*

Professor David Coombs

## CLIENT SKILLS

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The following students were selected to participate in interscholastic client skills competitions:

### **2015 American Bar Association Negotiation Competition**

Matthew Giovanni Martinez  
Tatiana L. Rugel

#### *Coach:*

Aaron Greenlee '11

## SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

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### **THE CLARK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY**

Those students who capture first place in the written and oral intrascholastic moot court competition share an award donated by former Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

Katherine Elise Berling  
*Winner of the Clark  
Competition*

Lindsay Marion Langella  
*Finalist*

David M. Revens  
*Best Brief*

### **PROFESSOR CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark and her husband, John Clark, established this scholarship to recognize outstanding academic performance by a rising second year student.

Logan Wood Pearce

### **GARY L. BAHR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is in memory of Professor Gary L. Bahr, the first associate dean and member of the founding faculty of the School of Law. The award is made annually to the first year student with the highest combined average in Contracts and Torts.

Christopher Michael Moran

Alexander Augustus Vogel Nichols

### **KATHLEEN M. BIRT MEMORIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRIZE**

This prize is awarded to graduating students who have demonstrated the most distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses.

Alicia K. Fusaro

### **CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD**

This national award recognizes a student who has excelled in a clinical course in law school.

Zachary Kenneth Lyons

### **DEAN'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This award is presented by the Dean to a graduating student who improved his or her grades the most from the first year.

Alyssa Marie Moro

### **ROBERTS, CARROLL, FELDSTEIN & PEIRCE EXCELLENCE IN TRIAL ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is presented for excellence in Trial Advocacy and is awarded for outstanding advocacy at the National Trial Competition and the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

Jamie L. Fitzgerald

Lindsay Marion Langella



## SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

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### **THE LEGAL METHODS FACULTY AWARD FOR BEST APPELLATE BRIEF**

This award is made possible by The Lillian and Irving Topf Memorial Fund.

Alexandra L. Lister

### **ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL-NORTHEAST CHAPTER LAW STUDENT ETHICS AWARD (ACC-NE)**

This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to ethics in a clinical program.

Anna Marie Provax

### **THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This award is given to a law student in the graduating class who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Brett Patrick Hargaden

### **RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE - JUSTICE JOSEPH R. WEISBERGER SCHOLARSHIP**

Clare M. Harmon

### **ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Christie Annie Théodore, Esq.  
Michael Alexander Thomas, Esq.

### **THURGOOD MARSHALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Michael Alexander Thomas, Esq.

### **JUSTINIAN LAW SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP**

Zachary Bourdony

### **ANDREW C. MARSH SCHOLARSHIP**

Logan Wood Pearce

## SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

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Each semester the student receiving the highest grade in each course is selected to receive a Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) award certificate. Members of the graduating class who received this award for classes during the course of their studies are:

Katherine Elise Berling		Philip William Gasbarro	
Torts II	Spring 2015	Civil Procedure	Fall 2014
Negotiation	Fall 2015	Torts I	Fall 2014
Psychology of Criminal Justice Process	Fall 2015	Property	Spring 2015
Legal Practice III	Spring 2016	Negotiation	Fall 2016
U.S. Supreme Court Cases	Spring 2016	Trial Advocacy	Fall 2016
Business and Partnership Tax	Fall 2016		
Business Organizations	Fall 2016	Brett Patrick Hargaden	
Feminist Legal Theory	Fall 2016	Contracts I	Fall 2014
		Legal Practice I	Fall 2014
Trevor Thomas Bernard		Civil Procedure II	Spring 2015
Contract Drafting &		Legal Practice II	Spring 2015
Transactional Lawyering	Spring 2016	Legal Practice III	Fall 2015
Professional Responsibility	Spring 2016	Maritime Practice & Procedures	Fall 2015
		Maritime Security Law	Spring 2016
August Edward Bigos		National Security	Fall 2016
Legal Practice II	Spring 2015	Ocean and Coastal Law	Fall 2016
Legal Practice III	Spring 2016		
		Clare M. Harmon	
Tyler V. Calvi-Rogers		Law of Piracy	Spring 2016
Business and Partnership Tax	Fall 2016	Payment Systems	Summer 2016
Current Issues in Copyright Law	Fall 2016		
		Gregory E. Henninger	
Austyn Lorena Carolin		Business Organizations	Fall 2015
Law of Piracy	Spring 2016	Wills & Trusts	Spring 2016
Rebecca A. Cooper		Megan Sierra Hertel	
Immigration Law	Fall 2015	Intellectual Property	Fall 2015
		Business Startup Clinic	Spring 2016
Lily Sky Dawkins		Criminal Procedure	Spring 2016
National Security	Fall 2015		
		Alison B. Hoffman	
Caroline Jane Dias		Ocean and Coastal Law	Fall 2015
Legal Practice I	Fall 2014		
Legal Practice III	Fall 2016	Amanda L. Jacober	
		Trial Advocacy	Spring 2016
Andrew Richard Dimitri			
Advanced Torts	Fall 2015	Kevin Kane	
		Interviewing and Counseling	Fall 2016
Monique Martina DiTullio			
Racial Privilege & Post-Racial Politics	Fall 2015	Lindsay Marion Langella	
Public Interest Lawyering	Fall 2016	White Collar Crime	Fall 2016
Jamie L. Fitzgerald		Corinne Elizabeth Latham	
Trial Advocacy	Fall 2016	Sexuality and the Law	Spring 2016
Joseph Thomas Galindo, Jr.		Zachary Kenneth Lyons	
Corporate Counsel	Fall 2016	Immigration Clinic	Fall 2016
Reana Garcia, Esq.		Jonathan Christopher Lee	
Wills & Trusts	Fall 2016	Mediation	Spring 2016
		Alexandra L. Lister	
		Legal Practice II	Spring 2015



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Matthew Giovanni Martinez		Alexandria Richard	
Legal Practice III	Fall 2015	Professional Responsibility	Summer 2015
Mediation	Spring 2016		
Meghan K. McAlpine		Michael J. Riley	
Racial Privilege	Summer 2016	Civil Procedure	Fall 2014
		Legal Practice III	Fall 2015
Kaitlin Alissa McGuire		Vanessa M. Rodriguez, Esq.	
Business Startup Clinic	Fall 2016	Wills & Trust	Fall 2016
		Law Office Management	Fall 2016
Daniel Forrest Miller		Zachary Glen Saltzman	
Legal Practice II	Spring 2015	Spiritual Dimension of Lawyering	Spring 2016
Accounting for Lawyers	Spring 2016		
Christopher Michael Moran		Breegan Semonelli	
Contracts I	Fall 2014	Legal Practice I	Fall 2014
Legal Practice I	Fall 2014	Civil Procedure II	Spring 2015
Torts I	Fall 2014	Legal Practice II	Spring 2015
Contracts II	Spring 2015	Mediation	Fall 2015
Legal Practice II	Spring 2015	Criminal Procedure	Spring 2016
Constitutional Law	Fall 2015	Intellectual Property	Fall 2016
Crystal Marie Morillo		Brent Richard Semple, Esq.	
Legal Practice III	Fall 2015	Contract Drafting	Summer 2016
Brittani Paige Mulholland		Nicholas Hsien Sung	
Criminal Law	Fall 2014	Mediation	Fall 2016
Alexander Augustus Vogel Nichols		Kenneth J. Sylvia	
Civil Procedure	Fall 2014	Civil Procedure I	Fall 2015
Constitutional Law	Fall 2015	Constitutional Law II	Spring 2016
Advanced Torts	Fall 2016	Judicial Process & Ethics	Spring 2016
Contract Law Practicum	Fall 2016	Trial Advocacy	Spring 2016
		Criminal Defense Clinic	Fall 2016
Brittany Nicole Pagliarini		Matthew William Witschi Thomas	
Sales	Fall 2015	Civil Practice	Fall 2014
Logan Wood Pearce		Legal Practice I	Fall 2014
International Business Transactions	Fall 2016	Contracts II	Spring 2015
		Evidence	Fall 2015
Marc Perlman		Trial Advocacy	Spring 2016
Current Issues in Copyright Law	Fall 2016	Criminal Litigation: Drafting & Advocacy	Fall 2016
Olivia Marie Phetteplace		Michael Alexander Thomas, Esq.	
Legal Practice I	Fall 2014	Criminal Law	Fall 2014
Legal Practice II	Spring 2015	Sales	Spring 2016
Land Use Planning	Fall 2016		
Laura Alexa Pickering		Christian Winthrop Tracy	
Legal Practice I	Fall 2014	Corporate Counsel	Spring 2016
Legal Practice II	Spring 2015		
Contract Drafting &		Maria Lemus Viveiros	
Transactional Lawyering	Fall 2016	Tomorrow's Lawyers	Summer 2015
Judicial Process & Ethics	Fall 2016	Law Office Management	Fall 2015
		Employment Discrimination	Fall 2016
Andrew J. Piombino, Esq.			
Property	Spring 2015		
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Summer 2015		
Contract Drafting & Transactional Lawyering	Fall 2015		
Evidence	Fall 2015		



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**2017 PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD**

The Public Interest Award is given to a graduating student who has been exemplary in serving the community and promoting justice for the underrepresented.

Michael Alexander Thomas, Esq.

**2017 PRO BONO COLLABORATIVE AWARD**

The Pro Bono Collaborative Award is given to graduating students for professionalism, collaborative spirit, and exemplary commitment to serving the community and promoting justice for the underrepresented through PBC projects.

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The following graduating students are recognized for their leadership in RWU Law's pro bono programing:

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Roger Williams University School of Law's Marine Affairs Institute, in partnership with Rhode Island Sea Grant and the University of Rhode Island, is a national leader in marine and maritime law and policy dedicated to preparing the next generation of marine law professionals by offering a rigorous curriculum and diverse extracurricular opportunities.

### MARINE AFFAIRS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award honors a graduating student who has been exemplary in the study and advancement of marine policy and law.

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